



Drought Information Statement for South Texas

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- This product will be updated August 7, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/crp/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Much of the northern Brush Country and northern Coastal Plains remain in Moderate Drought (D1) with a small area of Severe Drought (D2) on the La Salle/McMullen border. Surrounding locales remain Abnormally Dry (D0).
- Drought conditions are expected to persist across northern Brush Country and northern Coastal Plains while the rest of South Texas is expected to develop drought conditions over the next 3 months.
- Mainly dry conditions expected over the next 7 days with only isolated locales to receive minimal rainfall.
- Leaning towards Below-normal chances for precipitation with higher confidence for above-normal temperatures in July.



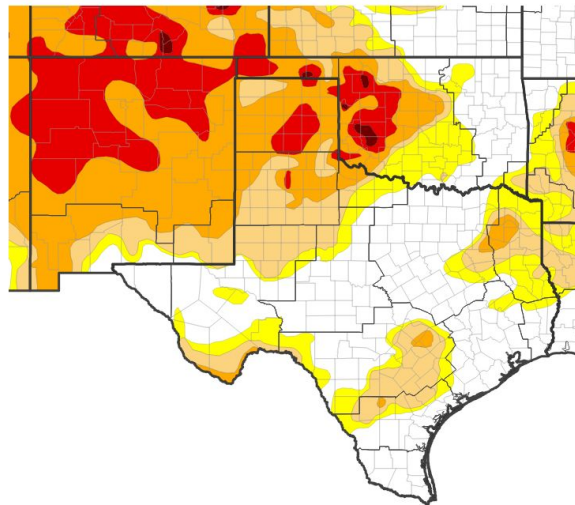


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of La Salle and McMullen Counties
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Most of La Salle, McMullen, Live Oak, Goliad, and portions of Webb, Duval, Bee and Victoria Counties

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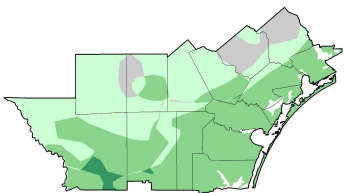


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Texas

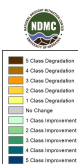
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None.
 - Drought Improved: Portions of Webb, Duval and sliver of McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, Goliad and Victoria counties
 - No Change: Much of the northern Brush Country and northern Coastal Plains.
- 2-Week improvement of 1-3 classes across South Texas

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Corpus Christi, TX WFO
2 Week

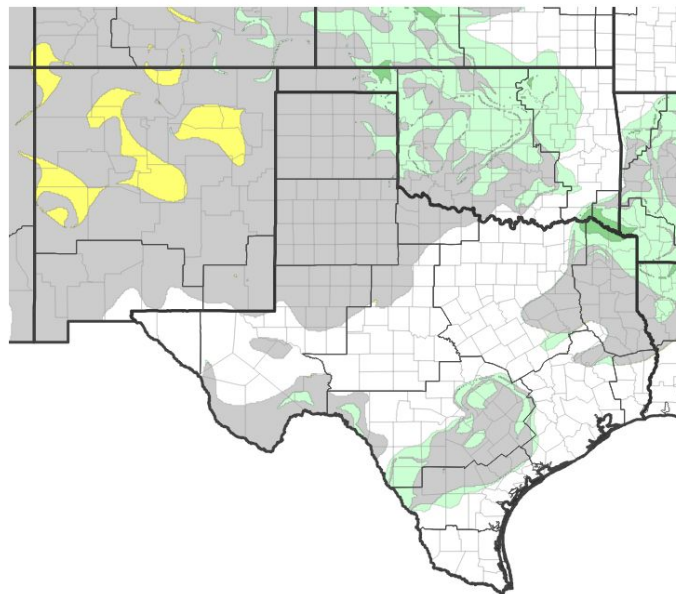


June 9, 2026
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May 26, 2026

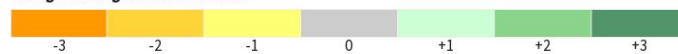
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U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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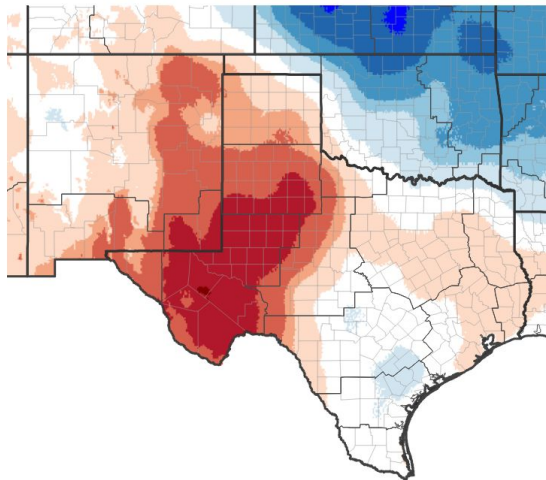


Temperature

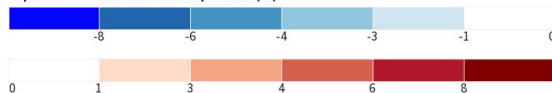
Over the last week, temperatures have remained mainly normal with the northern Coastal Plains at 1 to 3° F below normal.

While South Texas generally remained 1 to 3°F below normal across the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



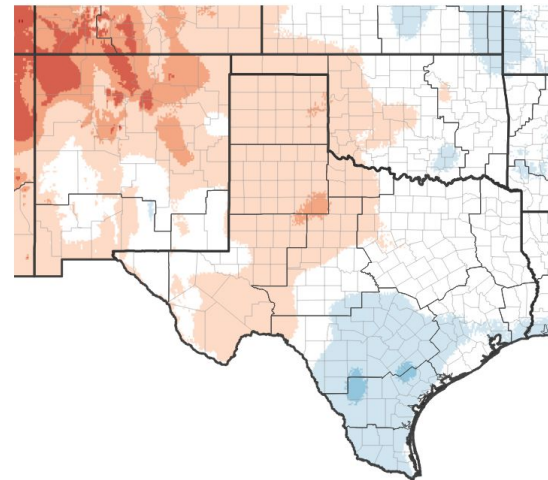
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



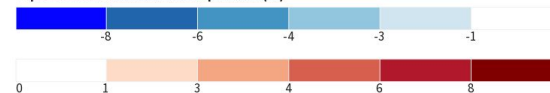
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Stage 3 water restrictions remain in effect across much of South Texas. Beeville remains at stage 4.
- Currently, the combined storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon are sitting at 15.6 percent as of July 6th compared to 13.5 percent one month ago. Lake Corpus Christi is currently at 34.2 percent as it saw additional increases in storage, from 27.1 percent in early June to 34.7 percent as of June 29th.

Agricultural Impacts (<https://agrifetoday.tamu.edu/2026/06/23/wet-weather-low-prices-put-damper-on-texas-watermelon-season/>)

- Coastal Bend: A tropical system brought substantial moisture to the district, with some counties averaging 4-4.5 inches or more during the week. Rain left fields flooded and crops waterlogged. Corn, sorghum and cotton were at risk of acre losses in the most severely affected fields, especially if more rain arrived before conditions dried. Early planted corn was beginning to dry down in some areas, and plants in saturated low spots showed stress. There were reports of mature grain sorghum sprouting in standing water, though the full extent of damage was not yet known. Rice was progressing and in fair to good condition, with some fields headed. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to excellent and continued to improve with the regular moisture, but hay harvest remained broadly stalled due to wet conditions. Some producers still had not completed a first cutting. Rice delphacid nymphs were found in low numbers in rice fields in one county. Pasture mealybug spread across multiple counties, and New World screwworm monitoring remained a priority for livestock producers, with flies and mosquitoes requiring additional management.
- South: Significant rainfall events brought 2-6 inches or more to many parts of the district during the week, including a tropical system that pushed moisture through the Lower Rio Grande Valley, dramatically improving soil moisture, pasture conditions and crop development. Temperatures exceeded 100 degrees on multiple days in several counties, with humid nights adding to heat stress on livestock. Grain sorghum harvest had begun in some areas but was suspended as wet field conditions made equipment access impossible. Some sorghum fields continued to mature. Cotton was squaring across much of the district and benefited from the rainfall. Corn was advancing through silking and dough stages with some early planted fields beginning to dry down. Citrus and sesame also benefited from the rainfall, while watermelon and carrot harvests concluded for the season. Rangeland and pasture conditions were fair to excellent and improving. Cattle and calves were in good condition. Stock tanks were full. Hay cutting was beginning or expected to start soon where producers could find dry windows. New World screwworm monitoring was a central concern, with producer meetings drawing crowds and ranchers actively preparing management responses.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- Beeville under stage 4 emergency water shortage restrictions and Local State of Disaster Issued (<https://www.beevilletx.gov/news/post/10042/>) (<https://www.beevilletx.gov/news/post/10036/>)
- Corpus Christi under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cctexas.com/>)
- Portland under stage 3 water restrictions
- Aransas Pass under stage 3 water restrictions
- Kingsville under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://stwa.org/recent-news>)
- Mathis under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cityofmathis.com/213/Water-Restrictions>)
- Laredo under stage 2 water restrictions (<https://laredoutilities.com/water-conservation-program/>)
- Victoria under stage 1 water restrictions (<https://www.victoriatx.gov/m/NewsFlash/Home/Detail/2222>)
- Other South Texas communities under restrictions can be found [here](#)

Mitigation Actions

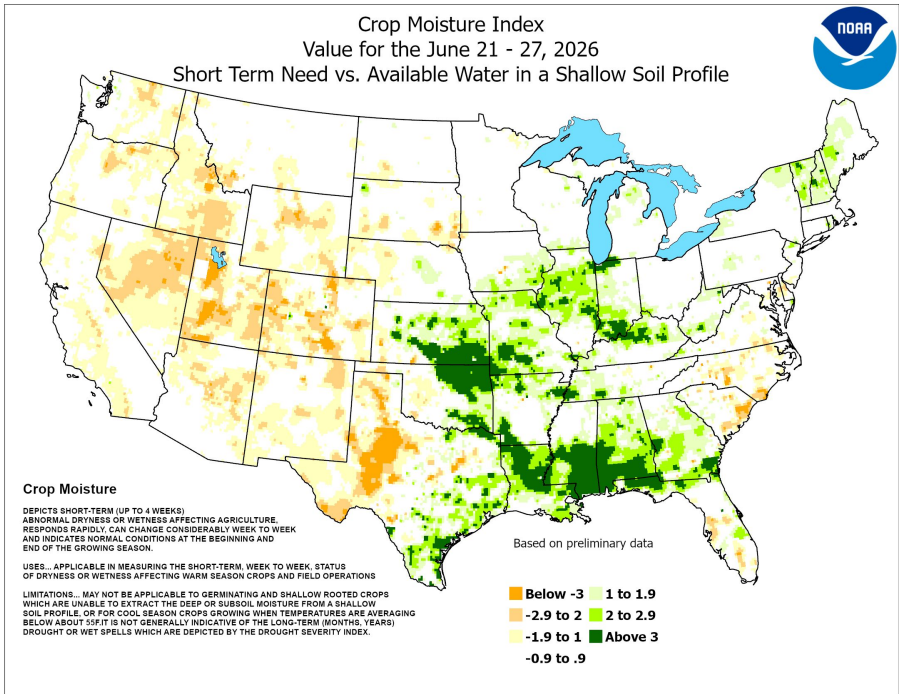
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Agricultural Impacts

- Crop Moisture Index for most of South Texas ranges 2.0 to 2.9, however the Rio Grande Plains have a Crop Moisture Index ranging from 1.0 to 1.9, and the Coastal Bend above 3.0.

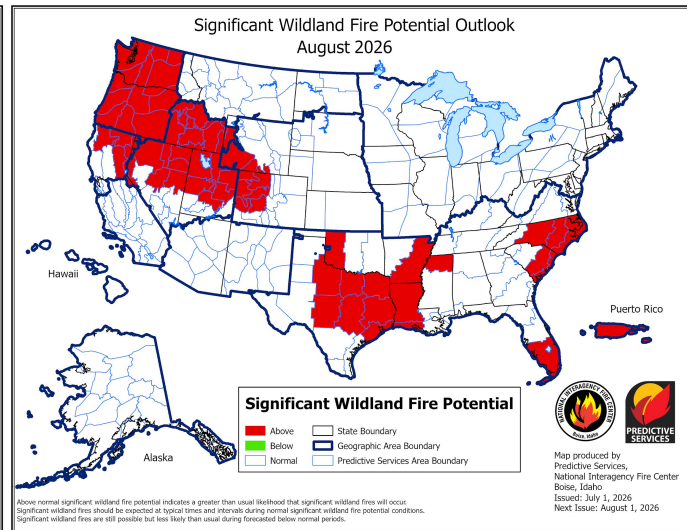
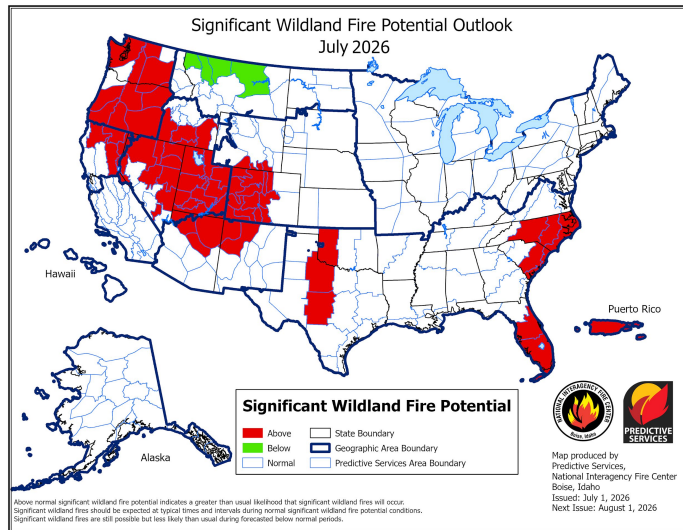




Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for July and August is forecast to be near normal across South Texas.



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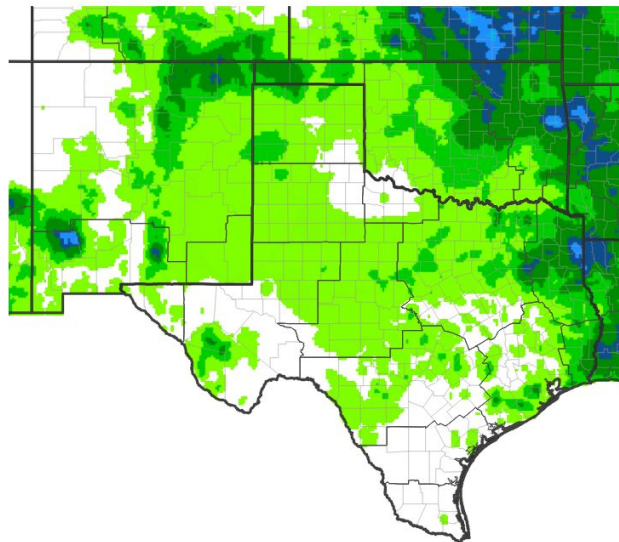
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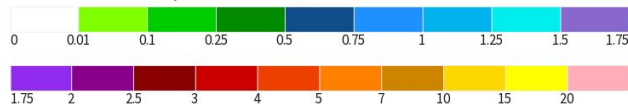
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rain up to 0.1 inch forecast over some isolated locales during the next 7 days across South Texas.
- Otherwise, mainly dry across the region.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 3,
2026–July 10, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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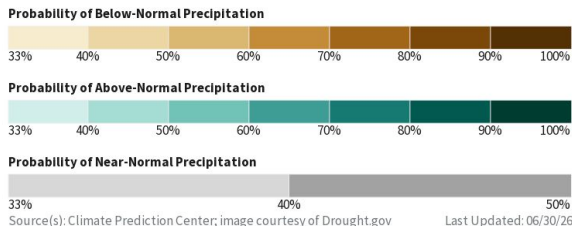
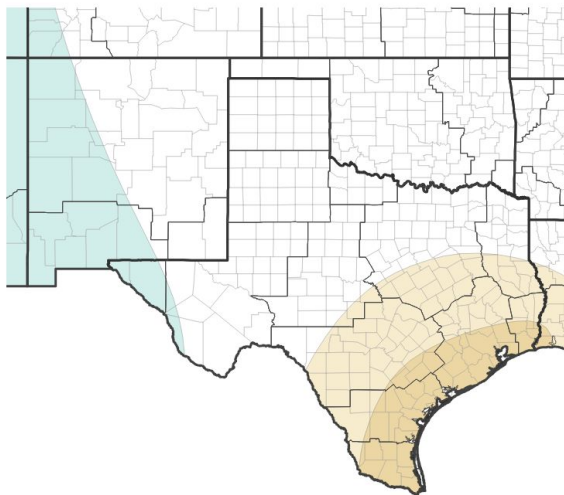


Long-Range Outlooks

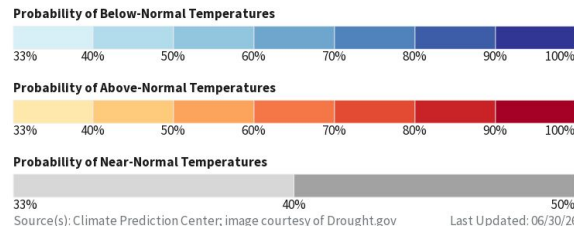
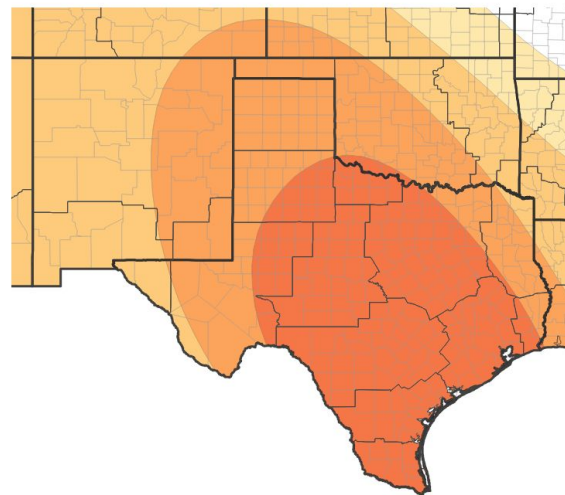
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Precipitation outlook for July across all of South Texas has 33-50% of below-normal chances.
- Temperatures across of South Texas is expected to be 60-70% above-normal for July.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



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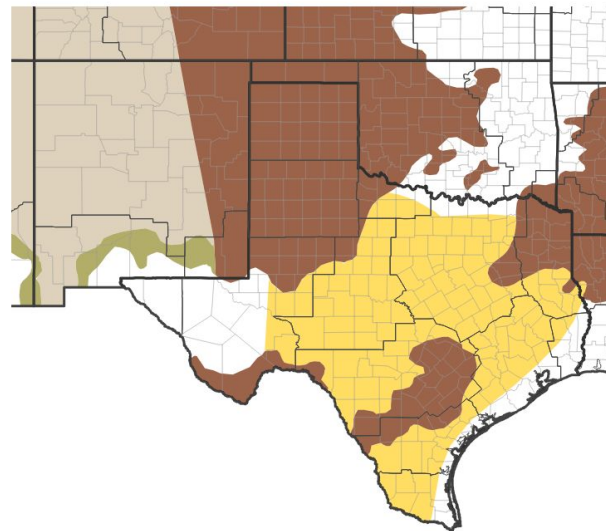


Drought Outlook

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- Much of South Texas is now expected to develop drought conditions over the next 3 months
- The outlook is also forecasting drought conditions to persist across the northern Brush Country, and northern Coastal Plains.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 30, 2026-September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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